



Minutes of INTER-AGENCY MEETING

Beirut, 7 November 2014

Meeting Location	UNHCR-Lea Bldg-1 st floor conference room	Meeting Time	10:00 A.M
Chair person	Kerstin Karlstrom Senior Inter-Agency Coordinator/ David Welin- Senior Protection Coordinator	Meeting Duration	2 h
Minutes Prepared by	Lara Techekirian – Inter-agency Coordination Associate		
Purpose of Meeting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Registration Update 2. Protection Update and Recent Development 3. IOM Findings of Livelihoods Survey on Lebanese Returnees 4. IA Winter Plan Update 5. Progress on Planning for 2015 6. AOB 		

Summary of discussions and action points

1.	Registration Update by Rana Ksaifi-Registration Officer-UNHCR
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Total registered as of 5 Nov. 2014: 1,133,822 26 days waiting period ▪ In October 17,660 Syrian individuals registered ▪ 35% decrease from September (around 27,000) due to Restrictions at border, Continued high no show rate as a result of security situation in Aarsal, Participation of registration staff in re-entry interviews. ▪ 24,000 individuals verified- Since January 2014, over 400,000 individuals have been verified. ▪ 55% decrease in request for appointments, 16,230 in October vs. 36,023 in September Mainly due to restrictions at the border. ▪ More than 23,700 individuals inactivated through the five verification methodologies. ▪ Total registered of Non Syrians to date: 11,663 with 1,537 awaiting registration. ▪ Methodologies of the verification process were highlighted ▪ Revised Projections for 2014-2015: 1.2 million for 2014, 1.5 million in 2015 ▪ UNHCR Lebanon Registration Team has received a Global Field Service Award for Best Achievements in the Field- the Award for Team Achievements in Field Operations was shared jointly with the Somalia Team. ▪ Re-entry assessment took place-negotiations are taking place re-GOL policy on registration, to be announced after finalization
2.	Protection Update and Recent Development by David Welin- Senior Protection Coordinator-UNHCR
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Progress against 2014 targets was highlighted ▪ Gratis Regularization- GOL waiving fines for Syrians and PRS with irregular status in Lebanon, until 31 December ▪ Regularization undertaken at all GSO offices in Lebanon ▪ Challenges lay ahead: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Many refugees remain unaware - procedures, timeframe ○ Some refugees unwilling to approach GSO ○ Long waiting times



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To tackle the challenges PWG are initiating different activities such as individual conducting counseling and legal awareness sessions, developing Mass information campaign/tracking tool, measuring progress, offering short-term institutional support , Analyzing impediments to accessing the regularization process ▪ 3RP / LCRP: 34 Protection partners appealing (3RP / LCRP total: 76) - Protection Appeal (incl CP+SGBV): 183 million (8%) ▪ Priority protection areas: Advocacy on refugee right in general- 2 areas were added :Prevention and response to forced evictions, Security of the person ▪ Question was raised on the percentage of evictions conducted- efforts to centralize the info ▪ Request was made on the percentage of people with specific needs affected by evictions
3.	IOM Findings of Livelihoods Survey on Lebanese Returnees by Martina Iannizzotto- Livelihood officer -IOM
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A Livelihoods Assessment of Lebanese Returnees from Syria was conducted by IOM, cooperation with HRC with Consultation with Research Institute (CRI) in comparison with Syrian refugees (Vasyr, 2014) ▪ Methodology: 313 HHs – random sampling per geographical areas, with focus on Bekaa and Akkar- data was collected from 13/6 till 21/7- interviewed Government officials, NGOs, municipalities, etc... ▪ Report shall be finalized by next week, to be shared with partners ▪ Question was raised concerning inclusion of LR in the NPTP Programme-plan to include on temporary basis -procedure to be finalized ▪ Conclusion and Recommendation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ LRs: Have Lebanese nationality but face similar living conditions as Syrian refugees do in Lebanon ○ Second round of registration and/or roll out of referral system ○ Humanitarian assistance (eg cash, food, subsidies) for newly arrived or extremely vulnerable ○ Better coordination of assistance (particularly in cases of mixed families) ○ Better access to Lebanese services and institutions (many LRs have been in Syria for decades and are not familiar with processes)
4.	IA Winter Plan Update-Chadi Ghajar-Assistant Distribution co-ordinator-UNHCR
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Winter assistance is defined as providing refugee and vulnerable Lebanese families with resources to stay warm, dry, and healthy through the winter months. It is delivered through a combination of in-kind, vouchers and cash assistance including shelter improvements goods and services. ▪ Shelter: 70% of the 55% estimated to be in substandard housing will need weatherproofing materials. ▪ Cash-for-Winter assistance: 70% of the population (using VaSyr 2014 data) living at high altitudes (USD 100 for households living above 1,100m and USD 80 for households living between 500 and 1,100 m), ▪ Child protection i.e. winter clothing vouchers: Economic vulnerability/location of housing/altitude. ▪ School heating: list approved by MEHE ▪ Fuel: Above 1,000 meters + School criteria ▪ Core Relief Items for those who arrived after March 31st, 2014, and therefore did not receive assistance during last year's winterization programme <p>This translates to the following population figures in need:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Above 1,000 = 275,000 (55,000 HH) ○ 500-1,000 meters = 410,000 (82,000 HH)



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 55% per cent of the total refugee caseload live in substandard shelters. However 70% of those benefit from shelter assistance. This is based on socio-economic vulnerability, shelter vulnerability, and shelter conditions. ▪ Currently standard activities most agencies are planning on implementing (or already implementing) are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cash-for-winter (\$100 USD above 1,100 meters or \$80 between 500-1,100 meters) ○ fuel vouchers (\$100 USD above 1,100 meters) ○ Winter clothing for children (kits and vouchers value?) ○ core relief items (blankets, stoves, carpets, adult clothing) ○ site improvements (informal settlements), ○ Weatherproofing kits for shelter (and vouchers?) ○ heating fuel for households and schools ○ weather proofing of tents serving as child friendly spaces/schools etc ○ All agencies ensure margins for referrals within their programs, ensuring that families in need that may not be captured by the current criteria can be referred for assistance at the discretion by/ identification of field officers ○ Fuel vouchers: 70% of the population living at high altitudes (vouchers worth USD 100 for households living above 1,100m calculated on fuel market prices and household consumption needs in those altitudes). However it is encouraged that other HHs not receiving Winter assistance are prioritized for Cash for winter
5.	Progress on Planning for 2015 by Kerstin Karlstrom- Senior Inter-Agency Coordinator- UNHCR
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ LCRP Status summary: Sector chapters are complete and to be shared with HCT , GoL comments are being incorporated, LCRP chapeau and sector chapters sent to HCT for final comments, Submission to Amman due today, November 7th ▪ Strategic shifts: Cost efficiencies – bigger focus on cash, Targeting – cash, shelter, it's a Government led response. Stabilization – linked to the GoL road map, institutional support ▪ Total Budget: USD2,145,796,509 with total 77 appealing agencies ▪ Governance structure as per chapeau- a generic template was presented-Next steps will be undertaken to review the situation and provide more details.
6.	AOB
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ David Addams from UNICEF distributed pins of the national Polio immunization campaign- for more information on the campaign access http://endpolio.uniceflebanon.org/

Attachments

Document	Location
IA Presentation	http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/admin/download.php?id=7473